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Reply Brief Noted

The reply brief filed on 7/11/08 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Jon D. Epperson, Art Unit 1639, whose telephone number is (571) 272-0808.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600 or to the examiner's supervisor, James (Doug) Schultz who can be reached at (571) 272-0763.

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